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CANADA MAY SEEK ARBITRATION

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE ON POSSIBLE MARITIME
BOUNDARY ARBITRATION WHICH APPEARED ON FRONT PAGE OF SEPT
14 TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL.

BEGIN TEXT: CANADA IS CONSIDERING SEEKING THIRD-COUNTRY
ARBITRATION OR APPEAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT AT THE
HAGUE TO SETTLE ITS DISPUTE WITH THE UNITED STATES OVER
MARITIME BOUNDARIES OFF THE EAST AND WEST COASTS.

"GOVERNMENT SOURCES CONFIRMED YESTERDAY THAT CANADA AND
THE UNITED STATES HAVE MADE LITTLE PROGRESS IN SETTling
THEIR DISPUTE SINCE CANADA CLOSED ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS
TO U.S. FISHING IN EARLY JUNE. THE UNITED STATES
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IMMEDIATELY RETALIATED BY CLOSING ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS
TO CANADIAN FISHING VESSELS PENDING A SUCCESSFUL CON-
CLUSION TO NEGOTIATIONS.

"BUT BOTH CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE REFUSED TO
BUDGE VERY FAR FROM THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITIONS DURING
THE SUMMER, DESPITE HOPEFUL STATEMENTS LAST JUNE BY

NEGOTIATORS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES THAT AN AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED BY THE END OF THE SUMMER.

"CANADA NOW WANTS TO SEND THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES QUESTION TO THIRD PARTY ARBITRATION--EITHER WITH A PANEL OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES OR TO AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--AND THINKS WASHINGTON WILL AGREE TO SUCH A PROCEDURE. THAT WOULD MEAN INTENSIFYING NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT OF FISHING RIGHTS FOR CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES IN EACH OTHER'S WATERS.

"CANADA WOULD LIKE TO SEE ESTABLISHED A JOINT COMMISSION TO OVERSEE FISHING OF SPECIES THAT MIGRATE BETWEEN THE WATERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT SEPARATING THE TWO QUESTIONS--MARITIME BOUNDARIES AND FISHING RIGHTS--WILL SPEED THE CONCLUSION OF A FISHING AGREEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY ASKED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND OUTSIDE LEGAL EXPERTS ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF ITS CASE ON THE BOUNDARIES QUESTION.

"THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES A FISHING AGREEMENT IS MORE URGENT THAN A BOUNDARIES DECISION. OFFSHORE MINERAL AND OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION IS SEEN AS A LONG-TERM PROBLEM TO BE RESOLVED THROUGH THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES QUESTION.

"EARLIER THIS WEEK, CANADA'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR, MARCEL UNCLASSIFIED

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